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SUBJECT: HARRY ENGEL

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1. TEXT EMBASSY-AID AIDE-MEMOIRE QUOTED BELOW. (TEXT POUCHED
EARLY JULY TO SCHREIBER.)

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NOTED WITH
INTEREST THE RESOLUTION IN PRINCIPLE OF THE NATIONALIZATION OF
THE BATA SHOE COMPANY SOME
TWELVE WEEKS AFTER TWE TAKEOVER WAS
FIRST ANNOUNCED. A NOT DISSIMILAR EXPROPRIATION INVOLVING AN
AMERICAN-OWNED MANUFACTURING FIRM, INTERNATIONAL TELEVISION
SALES, HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING FOR AN EVEN LONGER PERIOD OF TIME,
NEARLY SIX MONTHS TO BE SPECIFIC, WITH NO DEVELOPMENTS OR
INITIATIVES HAVING BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA
WITH A VIEW TO COMPENSATING OR NEGOTIATING WITH THE FORMER
OWNERS. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, ANTICIPATE THAT ALL FOREIGN FIRMS
WHICH HAVE BEEN NATIONALIZED, WILL BE GIVEN EQUAL TREATMENT
WITH REGARD TO SETTLEMENT. WE WOULD THEREFORE EXPECT THAT
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THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA WILL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH

INTERNATIONAL TELEVISION SALES AT AN EARLY DATE AND WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ANY INFORMATION ON THE MATTER WHICH WE CAN COMMUNICATE TO THE OWNER, MR. ENGEL, AND HIS LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE. END TEXT.

3. QUOTED BELOW IS TEXT OF EMBASSY NOTE NO. 121 DATED DEC. 20, 1972.

4. BEGIN TEXT: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND REFERS TO THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL TELEVISION SALES LTD.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES HAS NOTED THE STATEMENT IN DECREE NUMBER 32 THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA IS ASSUMING CONTROL OF INTERNATIONAL TELEVISION SALES, A COMPANY OWNED AND OPERATED UNDER A CONTRACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA, BY A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, MR. HARRY ENGEL, AND THAT COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO STATE ITS INTEREST IN RECEIVING ALL THE RELEVANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION AND TRUSTS THAT THE COMPENSATION PROMISED IN THE DECREE WILL BE PROMPT, ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END TEXT. BURROWS

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